

What is Claimed Is:

1. A method of configuring a transceiver having an output driver for driving an output terminal to provide data transmission via residential wiring, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5        setting a DC level at the output terminal,
- comparing a controlled value representing the DC level with a predetermined threshold level, and
- controlling the output driver until the controlled value is equal to the threshold level.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the output driver is controlled during initialization of the transceiver.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the output driver is controlled for a high power level and a low power level set at the output terminal.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the output driver is controlled to establish an output drive level required by the HPNA specification.

5. A transceiver for providing data communications over residential wiring, comprising:

- an output driver for supplying a transmit signal of a prescribed level to the residential wiring, and
- 5        an output drive control system for comparing a DC level set at the output of the output driver with a predetermined threshold signal to control the output driver so as to maintain the transmit signal at the prescribed level.

6. The transceiver of claim 5, wherein the output drive control system comprises a comparator circuit for comparing a controlled signal representing the DC level set at the output with the threshold signal.

7. The transceiver of claim 6, wherein the output drive control system further comprises a drive control circuit responsive to the comparator circuit for controlling the output driver until the controlled signal is equal to the threshold signal.

8. The transceiver of claim 7 further comprising input circuitry for receiving an incoming signal from the residential wiring.

9. The transceiver of claim 8, wherein the output drive control system further comprises a multiplexer for connecting the input circuitry to the comparator circuit during a normal mode of operation, and for supplying the controlled signal representing the DC level during an output drive level control mode of operation.

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10. The transceiver of claim 9, wherein the output drive level control mode of operation is carried out during initialization of the transceiver.

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